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TO: DIRECTOR.

FOR: CE/EE/YA INFO C/CE/EE, CE/PLANS

SLUGS: WNINTEL BGFIEND
SUBJECT: NEWSPAPER ARTICLE ON BGFIEND PROJECT

REF: NONE

TEXT:

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
DONGES/METHOD/EXEMPTION 3828
NAZI WAR CRIMES/OCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2008

1. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE IF ILMY, AHMET AND SHAQIR ((KABASHI)) WERE MEMBERS OF THE BGFIEND PROJECT.

2. THE 30 SEPT EDITION OF LOCAL PAPER "GAZETA SHQIPTARE" (ALBANIAN GAZETTE) CONTAINS A FRONT PAGE ARTICLE WITH THE HEADLINE: "CIA TRIED TO OVERTHROW HOXA", DESCRIBING THE BGFIEND PROJECT IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL. AN INSERT IN THIS ARTICLE, DATEDLINE FIER, REPORTS THAT AFTER MANY YEARS OF SEARCHING, SHAQIR KABASHI HAD RECENTLY FOUND THE REMAINS OF HIS TWO COUSINS, ILMY AND AHMET. ILMY AND AHMET ARE DESCRIBED AS AGENTS OF THE CIA WHO PARTICIPATED IN A BETRAYED MISSION IN 1951. SHAQIR ALSO DECLARES THAT HE, TOO, HAD BEEN A CIA AGENT AND HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE SAME MISSION. THE ARTICLE STATES THAT THE COUSINS WERE PARACHUTED INTO THE VILLAGE OF MJESHOV. ILMY DIED OF WOUNDS CAUSED BY HIS LANDING IN SOME ROCKS, AND AHMET'S NAME APPEARS ON A LIST OF PEOPLE EXECUTED BY THE COMMUNIST REGIME IN APRIL 1954. IT IS ALSO STATED THAT HAMID ((MATJANI)) DIED WITH HIM. THE INSERT CONCLUDES THAT MATJANI FELL INTO A TRAP SET BY THE SIGURIMI WHICH, USING THE SECRET CIA CODES, DIRECTED THE PARATROOPERS INTO AN AREA WHERE THEY WERE WAITING FOR THEM. WHEN HE (MATJANI) LANDED HE FOUND THE SIGURIMI WAITING.

3. FILE: BGFIEND. INDEX: ILMY, AHMET AND SHAQIR ((KABASHI)). DECL OADR DRV HUM 4-82.

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